

Daily Eagle

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A GRATUITOUS POPULIST PROPHECY.

Everything in this world either grows or shrinks, either is increasing or decreasing. There is nothing at a standstill. Everything is on the go, in the one direction or the other; either towards the front or towards the rear; either up or down; from the whale to the wiggle-tail; from the highest development of the spiritual and mental as mirrored in the life of a man, down to the microbe as reflected in the microscope. An application of this syntaxis to the Pop party of Kansas will result in the inevitable conclusion that it is not a question of "to be or not to be," but of the fact, "Little systems have their day and cease to be." The "meme mene tekel upharsen" of the Populist party having finally been deciphered, there remains for its protectors only the question of the most effective route to slide down and out, whether by open absorption or by imperceptible disintegration. Their late partners, the Democrats, having declared their stomachs equal to the effort of taking and retaining the dose, many Populists favor such scheme as the slickest thing. But there are those who prefer a natural death for the party than one of degeneration. Hence the basis for the prophecy that later on this spring, when the tug comes, the Populist party of Kansas will neither be swallowed up by the Democratic party or stand for slow, heroic immolation, but of these contentions the organization will go to pieces, in which event the Republican party will gather to its fold the most intelligent and progressive element of the flying debris.

MISS STONE AND HER CAPTORS.

A Sunday European cablegram announced that Miss Stone's release would probably be accomplished on Monday, which was yesterday. Whether the news is confirmed in this morning's dispatches can be ascertained by looking. At this writing it is only a guess, with the guesser inclined to doubt. No such price was ever before in the history of the world set on an old maid's head. Miss Missionary Stone is to cost her weight in gold, and she is built from the ground up. Few have ever believed that she would be foully dealt with. But the ransom demanded was out of all proportion to the value of the victim, politically considered. She was and is simply an obscure but good woman, who, preferring the life of a missionary to one of home and family, took her own life in her hands for the venture. The brigands who have her in hand are compelled to act with extreme caution in all negotiations. They have realized all along that as soon as she is safe and at liberty there will be very serious trouble for the outlaws who seized her. The governments of Turkey and Bulgaria have been subjected to so much trouble and annoyance on account of the seizure of one American woman that they will surely put forth every effort in their power, as soon as it may be safe to do so, to make an example of the ruffians who have held her captive for months. It is necessary for the peace of mind of high officials in Sofia and Constantinople that the kidnapping of American missionaries should become an unpopular form of villainy in the Balkans.

PROFESSOR PEARSON'S OPPORTUNITY.

Is it possible for an organization of men and women to oppose the Bible and to ignore the Sabbath, and yet prove helpful to humanity and do good? It seems that there are those who are anxious to do so. Is not such doctrine on a par with that of the anarchist, who believes that only in the destruction of all government is an ideal government possible. A representative meeting of delegates from all parts of the country, was held in Cincinnati on Sunday who organized under the name of the National Liberal party. The constitution of this organization declares for the separation of church and state to the extent of abolishing chaplains from the army and navy and from all legislative bodies and public institutions, and for the abandonment of the Sabbath day as a holy day, and favoring the taxation of all church property. These people call themselves Free Thinkers. Probably with the abandonment of the Sabbath and the church they would not demand the pulling down of the home altar, and the annulling of marriage, both as a sacrament and as a legal bond. As it is proposed by some to set aside one of the islands of the Philippine group for the deportation of anarchists of this country, why would it not be a good idea to set aside an adjacent island for the deportation of members of this society. In failing to get together and assimilating, they could employ their time in killing each other off.

ROOSEVELT AND FERGUSON.

The action of President Roosevelt in regard to the recent trouble in Oklahoma over the governorship matter was severely criticized, especially for the seeming unwarranted way in which he dismissed Mr. Jenks. He deposed that governor on the grounds that he was not up to the responsibilities of his position and late events have proven that Mr. Roosevelt was right. Hon. Tom Ferguson has just received the report of an investigating committee appointed by him to look into the charges made against the territorial asylum at Norman, O. T. The following summary of the report lays before the public ex-Governor Jenks' inefficiency, Roosevelt's fairness and Ferguson's clean administration: "It is the opinion of the committee that the present management of the asylum is not alive to the responsibilities of such an institution; that the medical and pharmaceutical departments are unsatisfactory; that the salaries paid the employees are not sufficient to obtain competent service; that there should be a hospital set aside for the sick, trained nurses having charge of the same; that the cess pool is a nuisance and a source of great danger and should be removed; that the quality of the food does not comply with the contract existing between the territory and the asylum company; that the fire escapes, which are wooden stairways only reaching to the second story, should be replaced by outside fire escapes of steel and iron and extended to the third story; that there should be exits at the south ends of wards nine and ten."

SOONER OR LATER IT WILL COME OUT.

The foreign press, more particularly the German and English papers are full of talk over what steps were really taken to prevent the United States from declaring war

on Spain. The English political circles are greatly excited by the fact that Germany is making a determined bid for the friendship of the United States. It is probable that the correspondence between the nations of Europe relative to the Spanish-American war will be given publicity before long. The English are determined that the friendly relations which grew up between their country and the United States because of their course in the Spanish-American war shall not come to an end. They will give up to the world all the diplomatic correspondence which took place at the time a number of continental nations were urging a coalition against Uncle Sam.

SENATORS NOT ALWAYS STATESMEN.

A good many men get into the Congress of the United States who are neither practical politicians nor statesmen. Senator Hale made the astonishing declaration in the Senate Thursday that "the United States has already captured all the foreign trade worth having." Senator Hale took issue most decidedly with Senator Hale on this assertion. Unless the majority of people are erroneously informed on this subject, there is a great deal of foreign trade which the United States does not possess and is worth having. If Senator Hale were right, all this talk about commercial expansion would be foolish, as the country would have expanded enough already. Senator Hanna has much the best of the argument with the member from Maine as to the wisdom of further effort to secure more trade and new markets for our products.

CUBANS GREATLY ALARMED.

Cuban planters and business men have come to the conclusion that unless they can have reciprocity with the United States their island will be commercially ruined. A large number of petitions have been circulated throughout the island and have been generally signed which urge the United States to grant free trade with Cuba. The Cubans complain that the boon of independence will not be of much value if a high tariff wall is erected against them by the United States. It is probable that they will be in favor of independence in a very short time if the United States refuses to give them reciprocity. Like the rest of the residents of the West Indian islands, they find that their welfare and prosperity are dependent upon the treatment given them by this country.

UNCLE SAM SCOOPED THEM IN.

The Danish government has finally plucked up sufficient courage to sell the Danish West Indies to Uncle Sam without reference to the protests of the minority party in that country. The transfer will be effected in the near future if the Senate confirms the treaty, something it is quite likely to do. The determination of the United States to buy the Danish West Indies vindicates the far-seeing statesmanship of William H. Seward, who believed that this country should never miss an opportunity to extinguish the title of a foreign power to possessions on this side of the Atlantic.

Years ago Mr. Seward negotiated a treaty with the Danish government providing for the cession of these islands. The matter of changing allegiance was left to the people of the islands, and they decided in favor of the transfer by an overwhelming majority. If the subject is submitted to them again, they will make a similar decision, for they will better their condition immensely by becoming a part and parcel of the United States.

The people of the Danish West Indies are intelligent and thrifty. They will become citizens before many years. Although Denmark was not able to secure a treaty which guaranteed citizenship in the republic to the inhabitants of the Danish West Indies, there is little doubt that they will be admitted to its privileges and obligations in due time.

BETTER BE FAIR, EVEN GENEROUS.

If the government of the United States of Columbia is wise, it will not endeavor to drive a hard bargain with Uncle Sam in the matter of canal arrangements. The sentiment for the Nicaragua route has been nursed so long in this country and so many powerful men in public life have been thoroughly committed to that location for a ship canal that a little unreasonableness and greed on the part of Columbia may kill the chances of the Panama route, notwithstanding the recommendation of the Isthmian Canal Commission. If this country ever settles on the Nicaragua canal, there will be nothing in the future for Columbia in Isthmian traffic of any sort. No Panama canal will be finished and the canal through Nicaragua will nearly destroy the Panama railroad.

Prince Henry is instructed to see all the newspaper men who call, but only on condition that they print nothing he says. It doesn't take an imagination with an eighteen-foot fly-wheel to see how that agreement will be violated.

Plutimmons has sued the owner of the building down a railway of which Fitz said on his back. Fitz wants \$50,000 damages. A plaintiff cannot stand injury unless the law forbids it.

The secret of the broken engagement between Miss Holman and Mason is simply that Maroon became so interested in wireless telegraphic experiments that he forgot to go to goo-goo.

When Mrs. Richardson was acquitted, the crowd in the court room cheered. The great marvel of the trial was that the dead man's relatives were a unit for the accused wife.

Captain Lewis Bayly, military attaché of the British embassy, is to be fired. He has been prying into our army and navy.

It is very apparent that the Interstate Commerce Commission makes Potentate Hill and Potentate Harrison very weary.

Iowa is to adopt the Torrens system of land titles. Through it title to land is made indisputable after a limited time.

In London they are talking of taxing wedding presents. Some day the rich in all countries will have to pay for being rich.

King Edward has served as King one year. The notable event of his reign so far is his preparation for the coronation.

Wall Street always maintains its front. Pierpont Morgan and his crowd were arranging a reception to Prince Henry.

There is a general opinion in Germany that business in America will suspend for a week when Prince Henry arrives.

The railroad men of Italy have decided to strike, and the Italian government has decided that they won't.

Of course, Schley realizes completely that he could have the presidency if he would just say the word.

Schley is averaging over \$1,000 a concert in Chicago. He is drawing his salary with his bow.

THREE REPORTERS WHO DIDN'T.

His father was a great man. He was rich and he had filled a place of national prominence in a political way. He was also old and venerable and most people were glad to oblige him in any way in their power.

He came in one day and saw the owner of the Whitehead. "My son," he said, "is just out of Yale and wants to get into the newspaper business. I wish you would give him a trial."

Mr. Young Goodrich was sent up to the city editor, with a note of introduction, and put to work. He filled up his pockets with note books and lead pencils, wore his nickel-plated star pinned on the lapel of his coat, and did almost everything else which the real reporter shuns. But he never showed the slightest sign of that "nose for news" which is the life of the newspaper.

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OUTLINES OF OKLAHOMA.

Saturday, for the first time in many months, Oklahoma City had a rain. Guthrie usually has a hard time raising a bonus, but it almost always arrives.

City will be after a land office when the Ponca, Otoe and Missouri lands are opened.

Charles H. Smith, of the Curshaw Democrat, has bought an interest in the Chandler News.

The Sachem has a rocky road to travel. If it is wrong it should right itself speedily.

There is a story about that Fred Weaver is going into the newspaper business at Kinsland.

Jerre Johnson credits Shakespeare with being responsible for the Anglo-Saxon leadership of the world.

The people of Chandler are working with the officials of the Chawto to have the road built to that town.

But Crocker says it is as true that he is opposed to Edgar Jones' plan of selecting a Democratic candidate for congress.

The word is being passed up and down the line that Guthrie is in a boom. Men who have Guthrie really are being advised to hold onto it.

Senator Freeman E. Miller made a speech at a Jackson Day club banquet at Lafayette, Indiana, last week, and attacked ex-Governor Steele.

Many churches are down in Washington working tooth and nail for standing for Oklahoma alone, and it is attacking Oklahoma City's heart.

Miss Ollie Hubble, the young woman who was burned so badly at Blackwell, is not expected to live. Her case has taken a change for the worse.

Alva Pioneer: Don't curse your town and your home people, the world is wide, and if you don't like your surroundings, move on. The community will get along somehow.

The Cherokee Orient, in an article on taxation, says that the county assessor, after paying his deputies, came out behind him and was not allowed enough and many people were misled.

In the Strip many a man was reminded as he looked out the window of his \$3,000 home, of the days when, as the Chittard raged, he took a shovel and poked mud dirt up against the north side of his shack.

Watonga Republican: Anderson Clamblin, who is alleged to be one of the party who did the hold-up act near Fay, last week, and who is hiding behind the kopjes northwest of town to avoid the generals of the law, has sent in a photograph message that he would surrender providing the charges against him at Hittcock, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, were withdrawn.

The matter is up to General Briggard.

This is a funny story, told by an Oklahoma paper. A Turk peddler who had sold goods to a housewife appeared one night and said he wanted to stay all night. The housewife said yes. The peddler pushed his way in and went to bed. The housewife said to her husband, "When he arrived he said, 'I won't touch the peddler; you've been patronizing him, and now you can get rid of him the best way you can.'"

The next morning the housewife had to buy a lot of the Turk's wares in pay for his night's lodging. Mulhall Enterprises: "Speaking of queer yet truthful incidents," said T. J. Almond the other day, when he was in the local appropriating court, "but air for his own use, 'about the most remarkable feat in animal doctrine that ever came under my personal knowledge occurred a number of years ago at Canton, Ill.' It's knowledge we're after, so of course we inquired as to details. It was on James Stipp's farm, during sheep-shearing time. Two fine, \$20 Spanish Merino rams had just been separated from their large coat of wool and stood slicing each other up, as strangers might. These two rams had heretofore been quite friendly, but after being separated it so changed their appearance that they did not know each other, and they lit in for a fight to a finish. In the first set-to one of the rams fell with his skull split entirely open from the base of the horns to the nose, expelling all of the brains and causing the head to open up like an oyster shell. Stipp naturally thought that was the end of his \$20 ram, but upon a suggestion from one of the neighbors he bored a hole through each of the horns and wired the skull tightly together, with the result that the ram fully recovered and, to all appearances, was just as well off as though the accident had never happened."

ALONG THE KANSAS NILE.

State Printer W. Y. Morgan has been elected president of the State bank, at Hutchinson.

Cy Leland bought six tickets for the Kansas Day club banquet. He figures on being present.

There are thirty-five fine-smeeling establishments in the country, and Kansas has eleven of them.

General Metcalf will land all right, but he will have to wait a while and let Hoar make a speech or two.

W. N. Evans, nine miles south of Emporia, struck a few of gas. It burned for about fifteen minutes.

A good many white birds Saturday in this part of Kansas, that blanket of snow had one corner blown up by the blizzard.

It is said that there is a general movement among the old soldiers to control the next state convention. They can, if they want to.

The Topeka land office positions, register and receiver, pay but \$300 a year. J. G. Wood and C. H. Tilt are slated to fill them.

Joseph J. Jelf, of Atchison, is dead. He was aged 86. He located in Atchison in 1858, having been on the site of the town previously in 1848.

Tomorrow the state central committee meets the time and place of state convention. Hutchinson, Wichita, Topeka and Fort Scott want it.

Wellcome Wells, who died last week at Manhattan, was a member of the Kansas legislature in 1881, 1882 and 1883. In 1883 he was a member of the state senate.

The attendance of the average cold wave in Kansas induces one to the belief that there is a way to a Kansas being that north of town, and that it takes it only six minutes to arrive when it is let loose.

A freeman at Atchison is boasting on the retrenchment of what is a "sneaky" railroad man. The first thing you know they will jack up the end of the track and send the train off by gravitation, and then jack up the other end and send 'em back.

When the Santa Fe took possession of the Kansas Southern it refused to accept responsibility for its back taxes. Saturday the sheriff of Sumner county provided a train and had it for the taxes. The railroad got out an injunction restraining the sheriff from grabbing its train.

An Illinois man wrote this Wright, of Dodge City, the other day complaining that Wright had been in his big picture a quarter section belonging to the Illinois man. Wright replied: "Dear Sir: Did you know I was when your land was taken? You say you want it from me, but I don't want it."

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Geo. Innes & Co. After Inventory Clearance

All winter stuff must go and with this end in view we make many deep cuts in all departments.

Are You Warm Enough

Just now, when you are getting the full effects of the winter's cold, we make a reduction on every Blanket and Comfort in the house. This is good weather for us to clean up on them and we intend doing so. Reductions from one-fourth to one-third off former price.

ALFALFA--WHEAT

It is interest in choice Alfalfa Lands, in a land of flowing artesian wells, at from \$25 to \$50 per acre (less than one-half their actual value, measured by earning capacity), better consult, at once, YOUNG & CAMPBELL, Meads, Kansas. This firm has also for sale a considerable quantity of good, smooth wheat lands, prices varying from \$250 to \$1,000 per quarter section. Here is a chance for profitable investment; values are steadily advancing, and must continue to advance until the prices demanded are somewhat near the actual tested value of the property.

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man caused the following notice to be inserted in the home paper: "Notice: This is to announce the marriage of John Doe and Alice Roe, which will be solemnized two weeks from Friday. Those who have anything to say against this marriage will please keep their damned mouths shut. John Doe."

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